

CAFO Draft Permit

7:35 p.m. November 22, 2005

Public Hearing @ Cowlitz County Public Utilities District Auditorium
961 12th Ave, Longview, WA

Primary purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments regarding proposed concentrated animal feeding operating general permit. The following actions took place October 19, 2005. The legal notice of this hearing was published in the WA state register issue number 05-50-109. A copy of the draft permit fact sheet and public hearing information were posted on the ecology CAFO web page. All conservation districts were directly notified of the draft permit hearing as well as public notices being directly mailed to 1,100 interested parties and are people who either currently have permit coverage or have had permit coverage within the last 5 years. Earlier this month a notice was mailed to an additional 70 existing dairy permit holders. Ecology also mailed out information to 2500 interested parties on the USDA mailing list.

Testimony

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Questions and Comments:

Nutrient Management Plans S3.2

Placement of statement in here is underlined complete application. This is under requirements to develop nutrient management plan. Says under those requirements it says, "complete application must include nutrient management plan," and I am questioning the fact if that is even in the right area.

Environmental Monitoring S4

Number one perceives to be a description and 2 and 3 seem to be the items that you would work off of like soil monitoring or ground monitoring.

Manure transfer. Where in this says, "prior to transferring manure, litter or processed water to other persons, all CAFO's must provide recipient of the manure, litter or processed water with the current nutrient analysis. The analysis provided must be consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR part 412. CAFO must retain for 5 years the records of the date, the recipient name and address, and approximant amount of manure." I don't think that it's necessary to have the recipient or the address of the person that you are transferring that to. If we purchase fertilizer else where, we don't have to do those kinds of things but I understand the fact of because of our plan we have to state what we did with that manure and who it went to is necessary. And I think this in most cases I think this thing is a very good document now from what it used to be and as far as a dairy farmer I have no complaints with it and other than the stated items.